



City of Concord

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STATEWIDE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

On Tuesday, February 9th, residents will have the opportunity to cast their vote at the Statewide Presidential Primary. [Polling locations](#) will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Residents who are unable to vote at the polls on Election Day, due to absence from town or physical disability, may obtain an absentee ballot from the City Clerk's Office. You must be registered to vote prior to casting an absentee ballot. For more information about the election, contact the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@concordnh.gov or 225-8500.

ICE SKATING

Please be wise and stay off the ice at White Park and Beaver Meadow Golf Course. The recent spate of warm weather has turned our skating areas back into ponds. Any ice should be considered unsafe to venture onto until colder temperatures set in. Hopefully temperatures will become more seasonable and we will be able to open the ponds back up for skating soon.



SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE

This week's construction activities on the Sewalls Falls Bridge included the placement of concrete for the south abutment backwall, completion of the stone fill slope in front of the new north abutment, completion of the main temporary work platform, and the preparation of several sections of the existing truss for removal. Next week will be very active around the site with several sections of the existing truss being removed, formwork being set for the south abutment wingwalls, continued construction of the north extension to the main work platform, and the introduction of a third crane located on the north side to be used for the construction of the new abutment on that side.



SPONSORSHIP FROM CH+R TO PROVIDE FOR FREE SWIM LESSONS



The Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to announce, for the second year in a row, a generous sponsorship from the **Concord Housing + Redevelopment Authority** which will allow Concord and Penacook children to take part in FREE swim lessons this summer.

Learning to swim is an integral part of a child's safety and development. Swim lessons reduce the risk of drowning, build whole body strength, and provide a skill that lasts a lifetime. Exposing a child to swimming at a young age will provide them with a recreational activity that they can continue to enjoy throughout the rest of their lives.

With this sponsorship, every Concord/Penacook child will be able to receive a two-week session of swim lessons (8 classes) for free. Pre-registration is required for all swim lessons and registration will begin on May 10th. The Parks & Recreation Department offers swim lessons at five of its seven neighborhood pools. The City's seven outdoor pools will open for the season on June 18th.



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CH+R PURCHASES UNDERPERFORMING PROPERTY



84 South State Street

The Concord Housing + Redevelopment Authority (CH+R) has added a new purchase to its portfolio of properties. 84 South State Street has been an underperforming property in Concord's south end for many years and CH+R plans to return the neglected building into a gem. The property contains four residential units and a 1,000 square foot commercial/retail space. Extensive renovations will begin immediately to elevate this underperforming property into desirable market rate housing and commercial space. Currently, two of the building's residential units are occupied. CH+R plans to combine the two empty units, one of which is an efficiency unit, into a 1,000 square foot, two-bedroom apartment; making it a larger, more attractive place to live. The commercial/retail unit is available immediately. Anyone interested in the commercial space should contact Wendy Keeler at 227-0233. Visit www.concordha.com to learn more about CH+R, or call 224-4059.

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WASTEWATER DIVISION COMPLETES SCADA UPGRADES

The City of Concord has just completed a series of technology improvements to the system controls for both of its secondary wastewater treatment plants that serve Concord and neighboring portions of Boscawen and Bow. The Wastewater Treatment Division of the General Services Department has had their computer Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system under development since the refurbishment of the Penacook Wastewater Treatment Plant. The SCADA system allows staff to continuously monitor the equipment of both plants from central and mobile interfaces and allows operators to remotely make changes to the equipment, adjust process control parameters, and manage the entire plant in the case of an emergency. The final phase of SCADA upgrades, completed in December, extends its functionality to the eight remote pump stations located throughout the community.

While these significant improvements in process control technology were deployed, the City also invested over \$9 million in capital improvements to improve biosolids management and odor control processes. Odors from the Hall Street Wastewater Treatment Plant have been significantly reduced and Class A production exceeds 95% for the last two years. Successful deployment of the SCADA technology is an integral component of the outstanding success of Concord's wastewater treatment operations.

